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MY THREE FAVOURITE FEATURES ARE:

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2. .....
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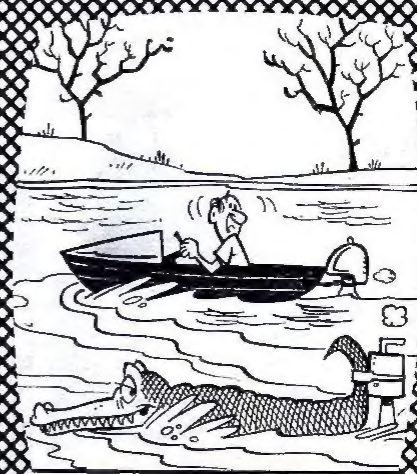
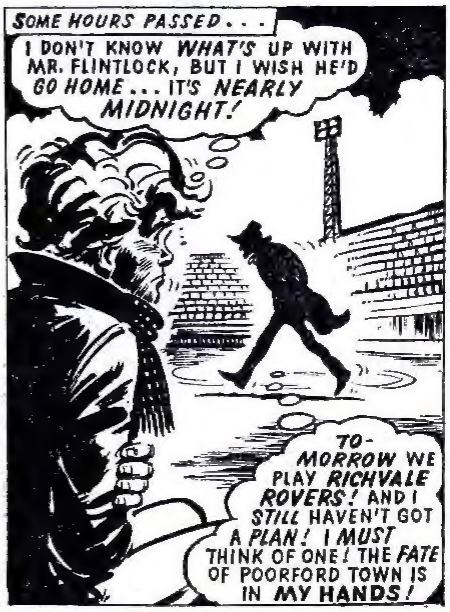


From S. SMITH, BROXBOURNE.

CYRIL AND THE POORFORD TOWN DIRECTORS RACED TO THE HARBOUR IN SEARCH OF NATHAN!

THE WIZARD OF FOOTBALL



WILL FORTUNE SMILE ON POORFORD TOWN? SEE NEXT MONDAY'S GRAND EASTER NUMBER!

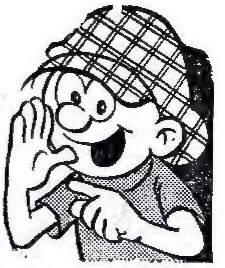
MUTT GIVES AN "IM-PRESS-IVE" PERFORMANCE AS A NEWSPAPER-PINCHING POOCH !

MUTT 'n' CHOPS

The Hungry Hound and his Enemy the Butcher

THE MERRY MONGREL IS SURE TO GIVE CHOPS SOMETHING TO BEEF ABOUT IN NEXT WEEK'S EASTER EDITION!

BUSTER'S Birthday CLUB



HI! YOU CAN WIN ONE OF . . .

SIX SPIRO-matic PAINTING SETS –

Plus 20 "Surprize" parcels for runners-up!

HOW to enter: You all love a game of cowboys and Indians, so take a close look at this exciting scene of two cowboys riding into the canyon!

AMBUSH!

Wow . . . it looks like an ambush! Turn the page around and you will soon spot those Indians hidden in the picture —see how many you can find!

When you think you've spotted them all, write on a postcard: "There are — Indians hidden in the picture" (filling in your total, of course.)

Add your full name, address and birth date, then get the entry signed by an adult as your own unaided work.

Print "INDIANS" in the top left-hand corner and post to reach the Club address by Thursday, 26th March.

This is a "members only" competition but new readers can enter if they send in a completed Club joining form together WITH their competition card in a sealed envelope.

The prizes will be awarded for the neatest correct entries according to age, and the Club Editor's decision is final.

SUPER GIFT!

SPIRO-matic is the fantastic new way to paint artistic pictures! It's so fast and colourful, you just flick a switch and the fun begins. A card starts spinning and you flow paint on to it. Before your eyes a picture grows—in only a minute you have a design of dazzling beauty!

Check these dates!

22nd January, 1958 **4th March, 1961**
26th May, 1959 **10th October, 1962**
28th November, 1960 **9th July, 1963**

ONCE again we're handing out prizes galore in the date-spotting game. If you can find your birth date among the six listed above, and—provided you sent in to join our Club by **Monday, 9th March**—then you're in line for a smashing Birth Date Award!

Check those dates carefully, because it must be the exact day, month and year of your birth. If yours is there, choose any one prize from: **Pocket Knife, Oil-painting-by-numbers Set, Writing Folder, Fountain Pen, Wallet of Coloured Pencils.**

Print your choice neatly on a postcard and add your full name, address and date of birth. Pop it in the mail to reach us by **Thursday, 26th March.** Overseas members have longer—until **6th August**—to send in their claims.

Prizes will be sent to every registered member whose date is shown and who replies correctly, but don't forget, you cannot have a Club Birth Date Award if you've previously received one.

HOW TO JOIN

WANT to join the gang? Then complete the form and post it to the Club address.

Membership is FREE, but if you want the Club badge (which will show you to be a member) it costs 1/6, plus postage.

To obtain a badge, fill in the lower form and send it with your joining form and a postal order for 1/6. Overseas readers must send International Reply Coupons—NOT postal orders.

If you don't require a badge, send the top form only.

BUSTER'S POSTBAG . . .

Hat trick! R. Swincoe, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts., has come up with a really super way of fooling your friends.

"All you need to perform this trick is half-a-dozen coins, each of which must have a different date, and a hat. First you place the coins inside the hat and shake them about. Having done this, tell your chum to pick one out and make a careful note of the date on it. Be sure to ask him to hold the coin tightly so that you won't be able to see it. Then tell him to put it back in the hat. Shake all the coins together again and murmur a few 'magic' words.

"Imagine the sensation it causes when you put your hand into the hat and pick out the coin bearing the same date as the one your friend selected! In fact, the coin that your pal chose will be a lot warmer than the rest!"

MY ADDRESS: Buster's Birthday Club, 1-2 Bear Alley, Farringdon St., London, E.C.4 (Comp.)

FREE JOINING FORM

Dear Buster—I am becoming a regular reader of BUSTER Please make me a member of your Birthday Club. I have not sent in a joining form for the Buster Club before.

MY FULL Names are .....
MY FULL Address is .....
.....
.....

The Club Badge costs 1/6 plus postage.

I was born on:

DAY OF MONTH (in figures)	MONTH	YEAR

If you want a Club badge, also PRINT your name and address clearly with a ball pen on the return label below, stick 4d. stamp where shown, and enclose **with a 1/6 postal order.**

Name .....
Address .....
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Stick 4d. stamp firmly here for return postage

If undelivered please return to:
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THE TRAPPER HOPES TO ROCK THE BEAVERS BACK ON THEIR HEELS, BUT THEY'RE "BOULDER" THAN HE THINKS!

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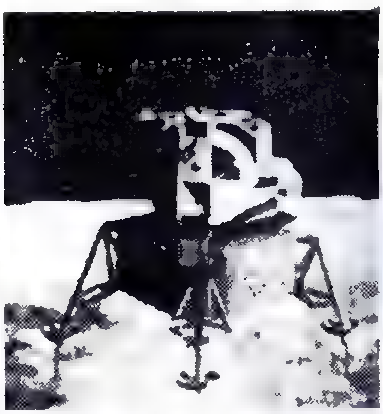

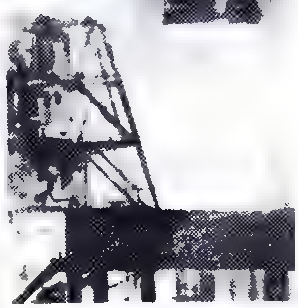

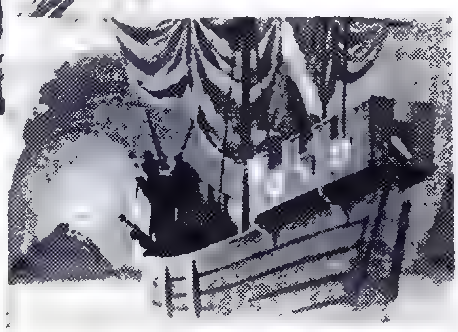

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WATER CASCADING ALL AROUND THEM, THE THREE PALS DESCENDED THE SLIPPERY ROCK STEPS!

GALAXUS

THE THING FROM OUTER SPACE

THE FIERCE-FLOWING RIVER CARRIED GALAXUS TOWARDS DEADLY PERIL!

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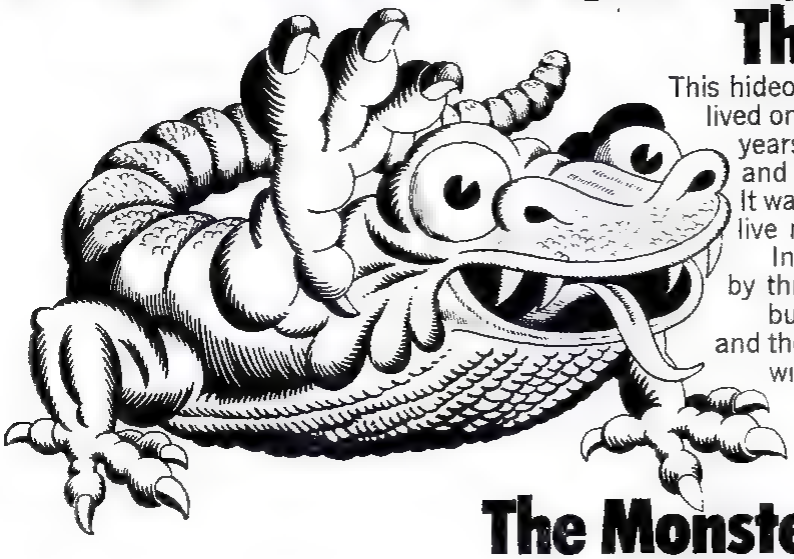
WHAT NEW DANGER LIES AHEAD? NEXT WEEK'S EASTER ISSUE IS CHOCK-FULL OF CHILLS AND CHUCKLES!

MONSTROUS BUBBLY

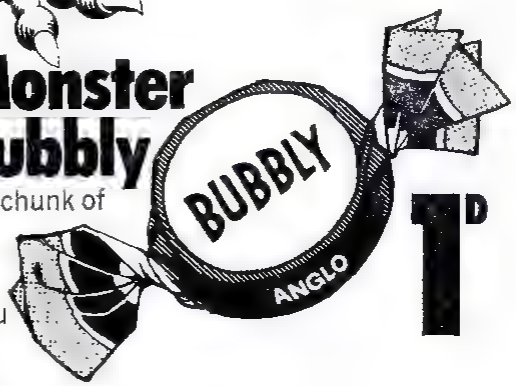


The Pongo

This hideous monster is supposed to have lived on the coast of Sicily hundreds of years ago. It had terrible staring eyes, and claws that could tear men apart. It was so horrible that nobody dared to live near the coast it haunted.

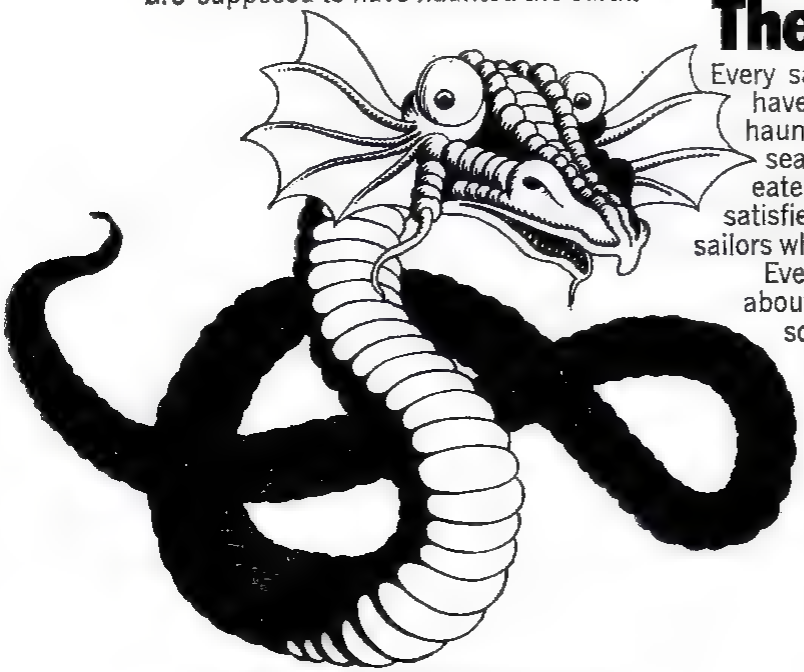
In the end it was attacked by three brave knights, but it's tough skin broke their lances and they finished the beast off with their swords.

The Monster Bubbly



Bubbly is the monster-sized chunk of bubble-gum that only costs a penny. A pennyworth that'll last and last, and you can do smashing tricks with. You all know that Bubbly is the thing for monster bubbles, but you may not know about the monsters we are showing you. Strange creatures that are supposed to have haunted the earth.

The Sea Serpent



Every sailor in the old days would have tales of terrifying dragons that haunted the seas. Some of these sea serpents are supposed to have eaten whole ships, while others were satisfied with gobbling up any sailors who fell overboard.

Even today we don't know everything about the oceans, so maybe those old time sailors weren't just seeing things!

COMING SOON

ANGLO'S WORLD CUP MONSTROUS COMPETITION

Details of World Cup in Anglo's Double Kick Gum

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THE PETS PUT THE FINGER ON A SNEAK IN "A-MAZE-ING" FASHION!

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LAUGH AT LIFE WITH THE HAPPY FAMILY AGAIN IN NEXT WEEK'S TREMENDOUS EASTER ISSUE!

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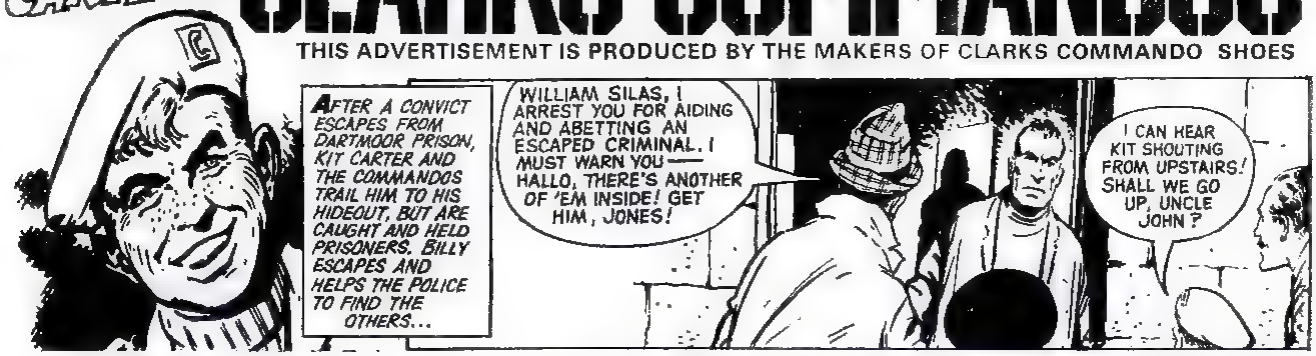

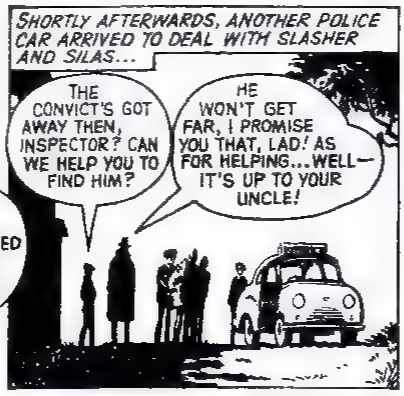

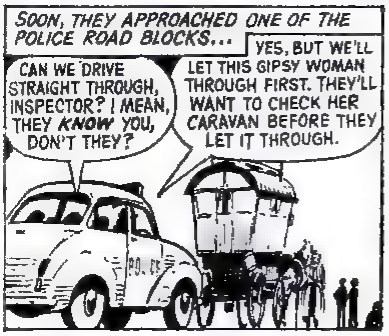

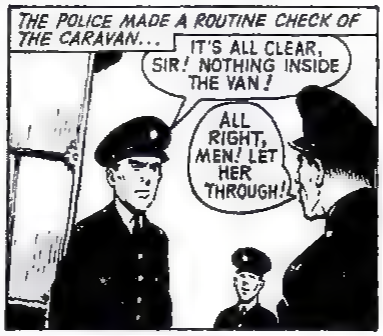

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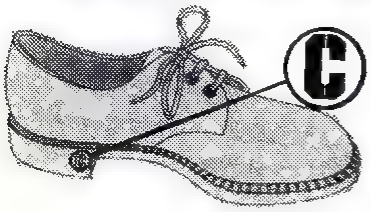

Commandos are the boys' action shoes from Clarks. Available in sizes 9-3. They're built really strong for when the going gets rough.

Every pair comes in a special ammunition box with a free Commando's handbook.

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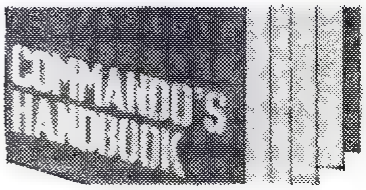
Commandos are in your local Clarks shoe shop now. Look for the secret symbol on the heel.



A BIG, BULLYING FOOTBALLER CERTAINLY MEETS HIS MATCH IN CLEVER DICK!

Clever Dick

OUR POTTY INVENTOR RETURNS IN NEXT MONDAY'S FANTASTIC EASTER "BUSTER"!

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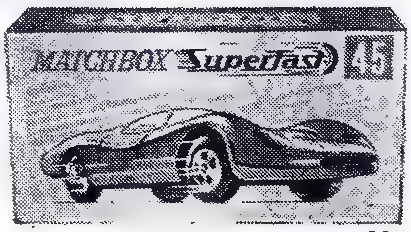
Look out for it in the shops in the special 'Superfast' box.

And remember there are more on the way.



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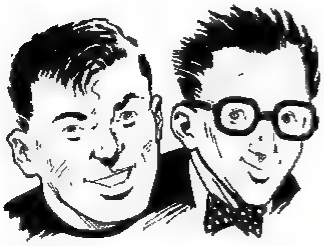

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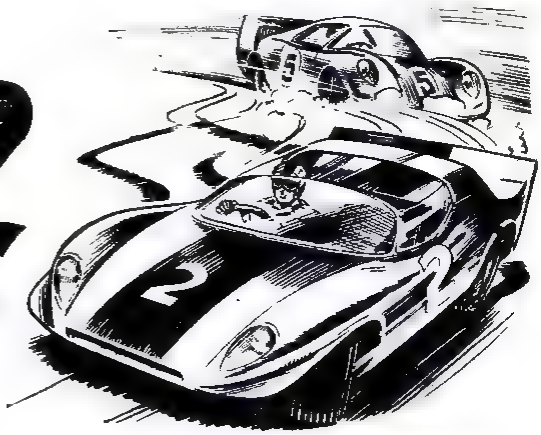
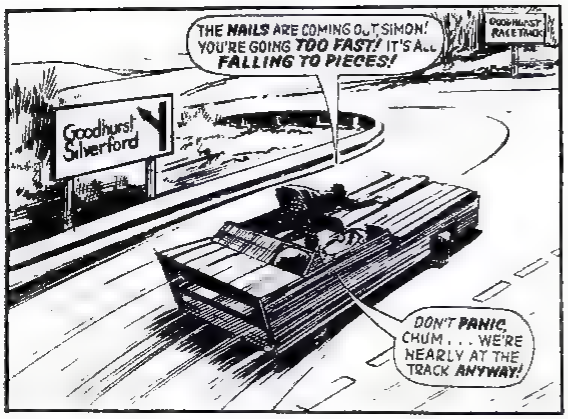
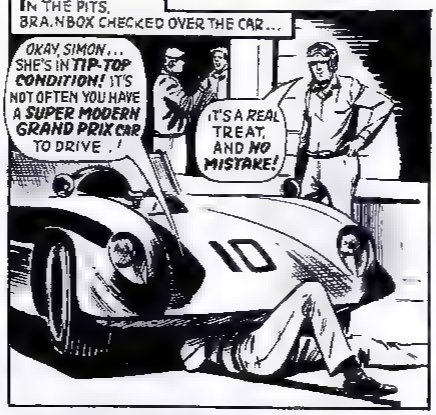
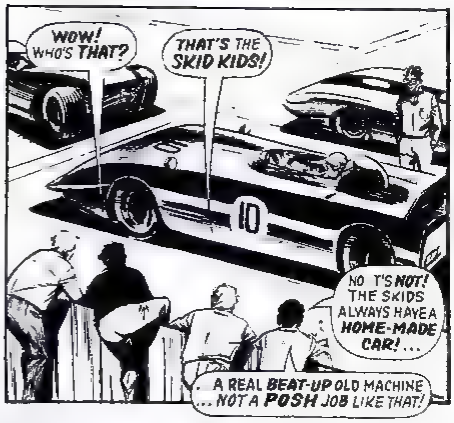


Racing driver Simon Starr and his inventor pal "Brainbox" Cox bought a brand new Grand Prix car on hire purchase and drove it to their next race. A wooden "overcoat" was built around it to accommodate Brainbox, but . . .







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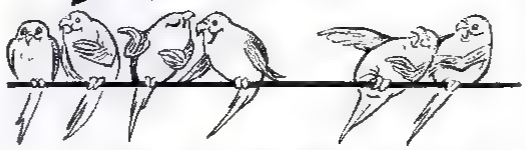
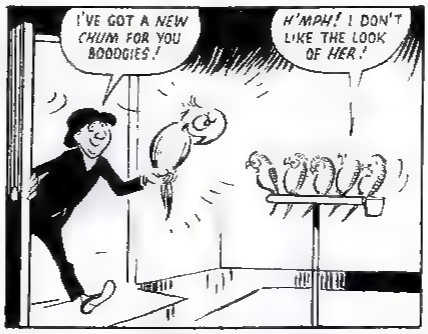
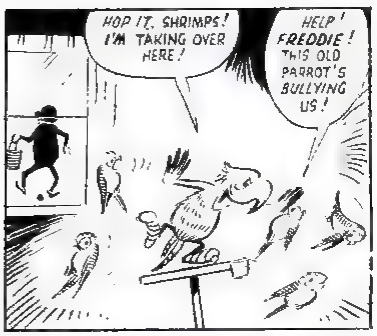
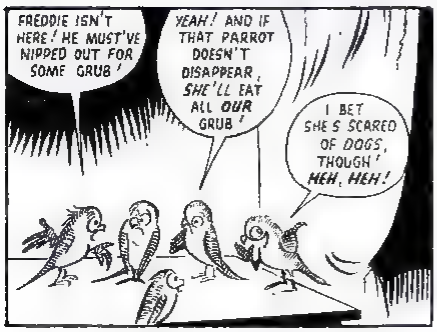
THE FEATHERS FLY WHEN A PARROT TRIES TO HAVE THE BOODGIES AT ITS "PECK" AND CALL!

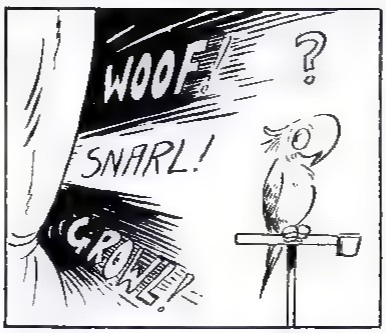
FREDDIE 'Parrot Face' DAVIES

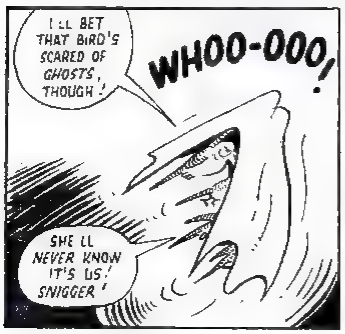


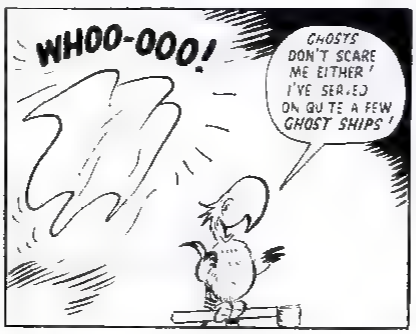


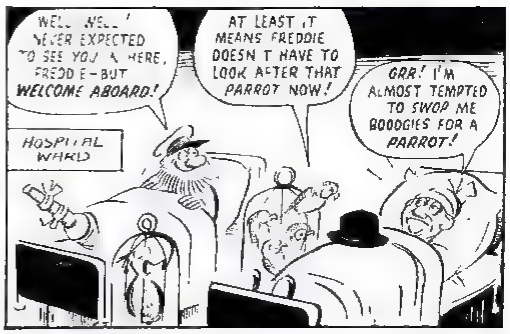












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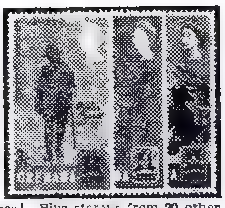

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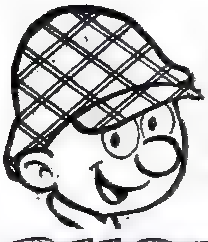

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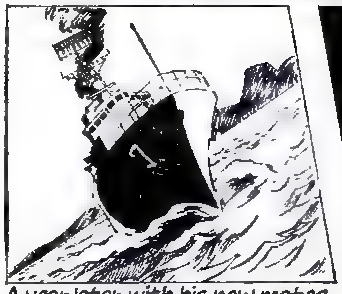

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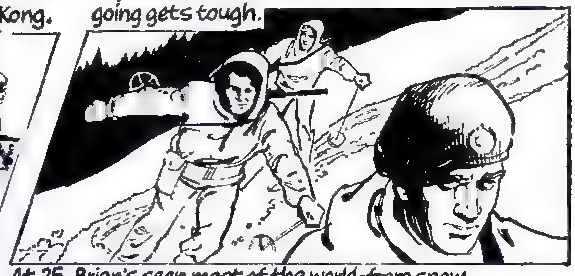

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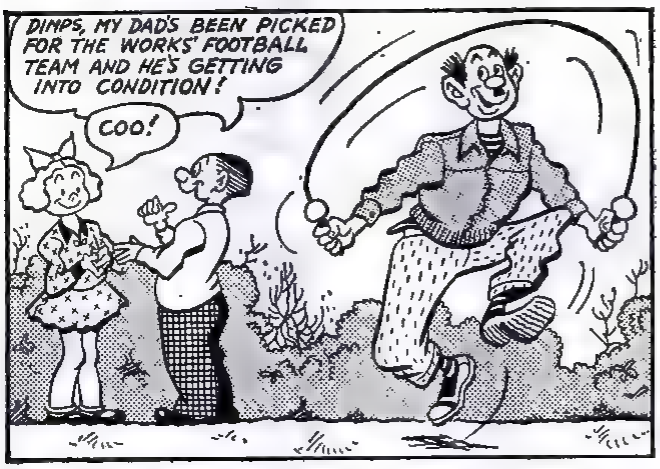

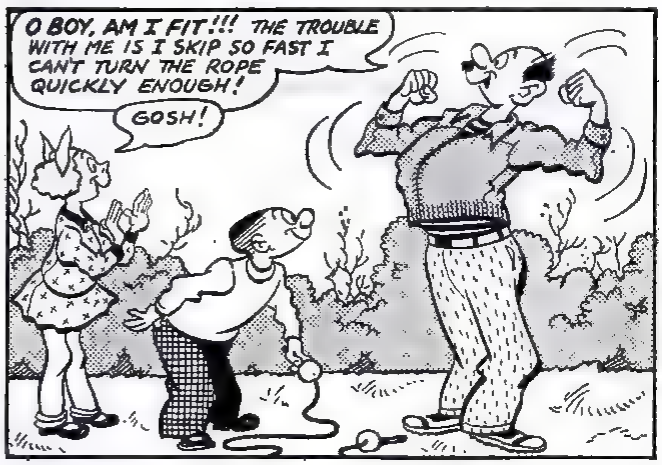

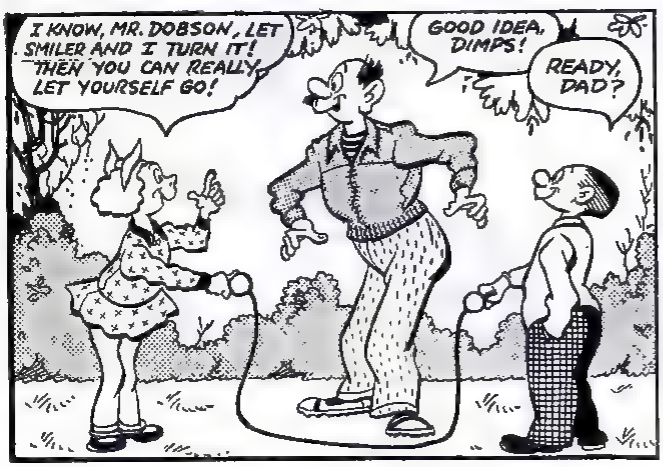

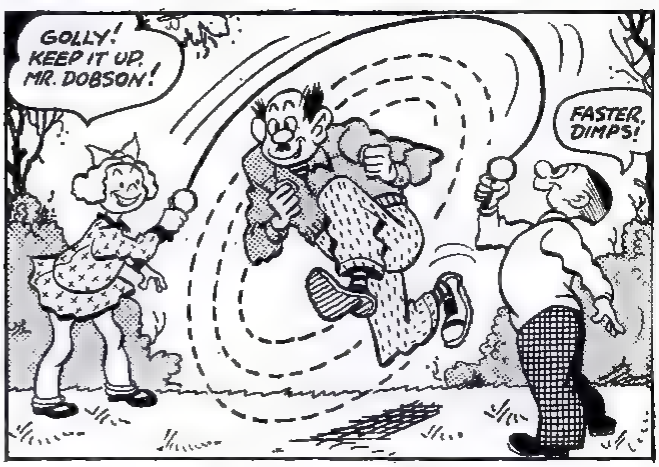

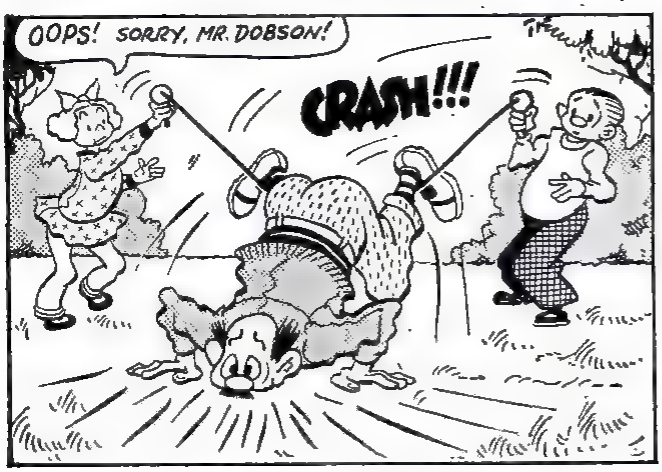

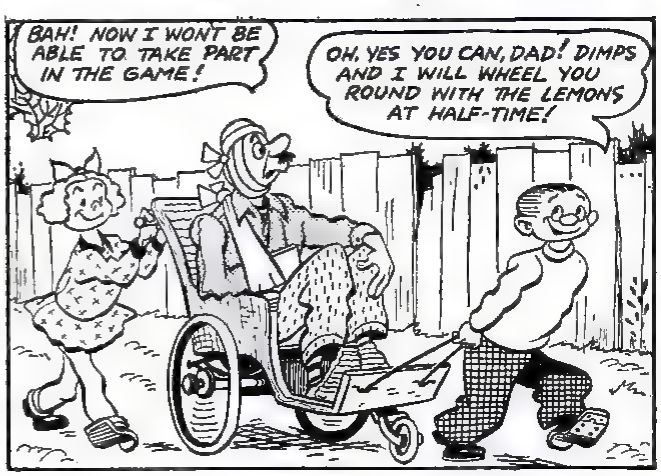

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

THIS REGIMENT OF SOLDIERS MARCHED 30 MILES TO BATTLE, DOING THE JOURNEY IN HALF A DAY →

THE ENEMY MARCHED 60 MILES, TAKING ONE DAY →

THEY MET → AT ONE O'CLOCK

AND FOUGHT FOR A WEEK

THEN THEY ALL MARCHED BACK AGAIN WITHOUT A SINGLE CASUALTY!

THEY WERE ON MANOEUVRES!

DEAR OLD PALS

CANTEEN

IF ALL FISHING RODS WERE CHOPPED UP FOR FIREWOOD

WOULDN'T THESE TIDDLERS LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE!

SUPPOSING ALL THESE THINGS HAD NEVER BEEN DISCOVERED

HOW WOULD PEOPLE BE ABLE TO SEE?

BY WAITING FOR THIS

AND USING THESE!

THE LION TAMER AT HOME!

BUNS

3

A MAN TRIED FOR YEARS TO GET ON THE RADIO. AT LAST HE DID. WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

P C Y

V R !

1

FIND THE FISH

6 are hidden in these sentences–

DON'T CODDLE THE PUP

IS KATE READY?

DON'T YOU FEEL WELL?

THAT ROUTED THE ENEMY.

THE SHIP HAD DOCKED.

SHE HAS LOST HER RING.

2

What's in the train?

TEAM EFOCEF ATE TRIFU BANOC GRUSA

ANSWERS TO NUMBERED QUESTIONS, PALS!

1. Cod, skate eel, trout haddock, herring; 2. Meat coffee, tea, fruit, bacon, sugar; 3. His name is PERCY VERE (Persevere)!

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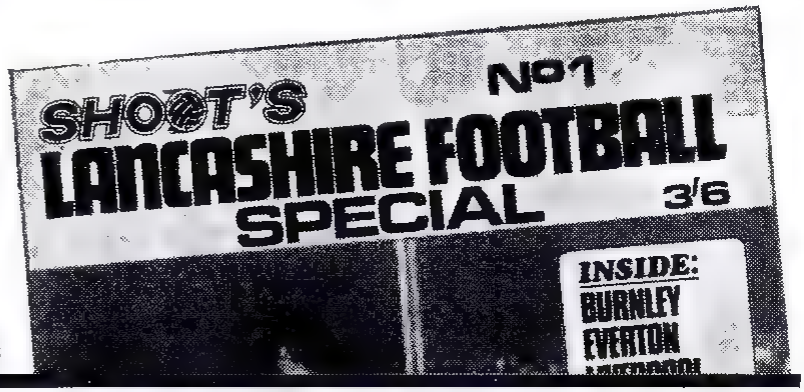

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PEST OF THE WEST

THE PEST WILL BE GUNNING FOR SOME MORE GUFFAWS IN NEXT MONDAY'S BUMPER EASTER NUMBER!

DO YOU KEEP YOURSELVES POSTED ON FOTOBALL, CHUMS? WELL, SEE HOW YOU MATCH UP TO . . .

PERCY THE PROBLEM CHILD

HELLO, PALS— I'M PERCY! EVERY NOW AND THEN I'LL BE HERE TO TEST YOUR WITS! TO THE FORE THIS WEEK —FOOTER FANS!

FOR ALL OUR QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT FOOTBALL AND HERE IS OUR GUEST GUESSER, WILLIE SPROUT, THE BUDDING REFEREE, READY TO TAKE THE FIELD WITH YOU!

PHEEP ♪

GUEST GUESSER

AND FOR A KICK OFF HERE IS A KICK OFF QUESTION!

CAN THE CENTRE FORWARD SCORE A GOAL BY BANGING THE BALL STRAIGHT OFF THE CENTRE SPOT RIGHT FROM THE WORD GO? YES? OR NO?

I DOUBT IT!

YOUR ANSWER →

AND NOW WE NIP DOWN THE WING FOR QUESTION TWO, WHERE THE WINGER HAS JUST BEEN GIVEN A "WINGER" BY THE GOALIE JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SCORE!

AS THIS HAPPENS IN THE PENALTY AREA, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? DOES THE REF ORDER
(A) A GOAL KICK?
(B) A PENALTY KICK?
(C) OR TAKE THE GOALIE'S NAME?

A FOUL DEED INDEED!

YOUR ANSWER →

RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY HE ORDERED A PENALTY AND FOR QUESTION THREE I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO DEFEND THE GOAL?

(1) THE WHOLE TEAM?

WHAT'S ALL THIS THEN?

(2) ONE PLAYER . . . THE GOALIE?

THAT'S BETTER!

YOUR ANSWER →

FOR QUESTION FOUR WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT PART TWO OF QUESTION THREE. DID THE PLAYER WHO TOOK THE PENALTY SCORE? YES? OR NO?

THE GOALIE'S GOT THE BALL BUT ONE MUST DRAW THE LINE!

YOUR ANSWER →

QUESTION FIVE COMING UP! WHICH OF THESE TWO WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE A DIRTY PLAYER?
(A) THE ONE WHO TRIPPED THE OTHER ONE UP?
(B) OR THE ONE SLIDING THROUGH THE SLIME?

DIRTY PLAY, I SHOULD SAY!

YOUR ANSWER →

LUCKILY OUR BUDDING REF POPPED UP IN TIME AND ORDERED A FREE KICK AGAINST THE OFFENDER. DOES THIS MEAN
(A) THE OFFENDED TAKES A FREE KICK AT THE OFFENDER?
(B) A FREE KICK AT THE BALL?
(C) A BOOT AT BOTH?

THERE MUST BE A RULING AGAINST SUCH BEHAVIOUR!

YOUR ANSWER →

THAT WAS QUESTION SIX AND HERE IS NUMBER SEVEN! THE BACK, AS YOU CAN SEE, IS BEING HARD PRESSED AND SO PASSES THE BALL BACK TO HIS GOALIE WHO LETS IT SLIP OVER THE LINE! WHAT WILL WILLIE WHISTLE UP NEXT?
(A) A GOAL KICK?
(B) A CORNER KICK?
(C) HALF TIME?

(!)

YOUR ANSWER →

WILLIE WHISTLED UP A CORNER AND THE BALL WHISTLED IN THE NET WITHOUT TOUCHING ANYBODY! QUESTION EIGHT IS DID NUMBER EIGHT SCORE A GOAL? YES? OR NO?

YOUR ANSWER →

AH! THERE GOES WILLIE'S WHISTLE FOR HALF TIME! NOW FOR QUESTION NUMBER NINE I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW LONG HAVE THE PLAYERS BEEN PLAYING FOR?
(A) THIRTY MINUTES?
(B) FIFTY MINUTES?
(C) FORTY FIVE MINUTES?

YOUR ANSWER →

AND AS WE COME TO THE END OF THE GAME, HERE IS THE LAST QUESTION! WILLIE SHOULD HAVE WHISTLED UP "TIME" SOME TIME AGO BUT THEY'RE STILL PLAYING. IS IT BECAUSE THEY'RE PLAYING (A) OVERTIME? (B) TIME ALLOWED FOR INJURIES ETC? (C) OR HAS WILLIE'S WATCH STOPPED?

COO!

YOUR ANSWER →

AND HERE ARE THE ANSWERS, CHUMS!

(1) NO. (2) B. (3) 2. (4) YES. (5) A (6) B. (7) B. (8) YES. (9) C. (10) B.

HOW DID YOU SCORE? NEVER MIND IF YOU DIDN'T, SO LONG AS YOU GOT A KICK OUT OF IT!

I DID!

NEXT MONDAY'S ALL-ACTION, ALL-COMEDY "BUSTER" IS A MUST, PALS—PLACE YOUR ORDER RIGHT AWAY!

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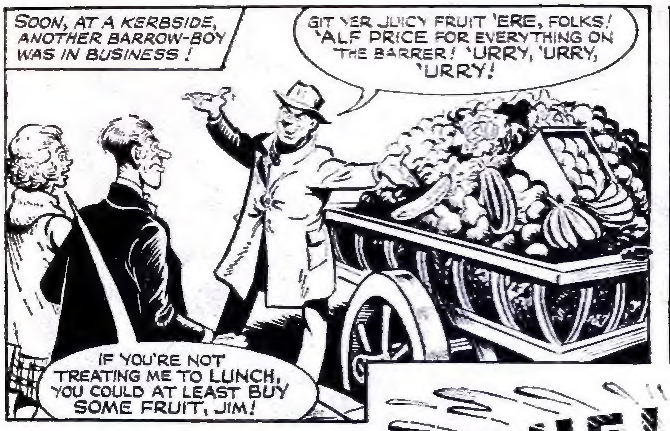
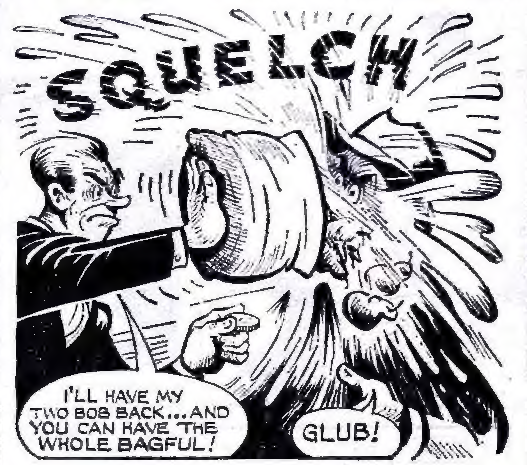
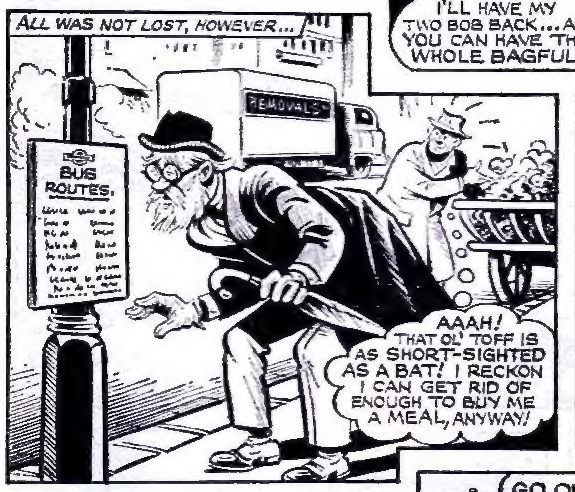
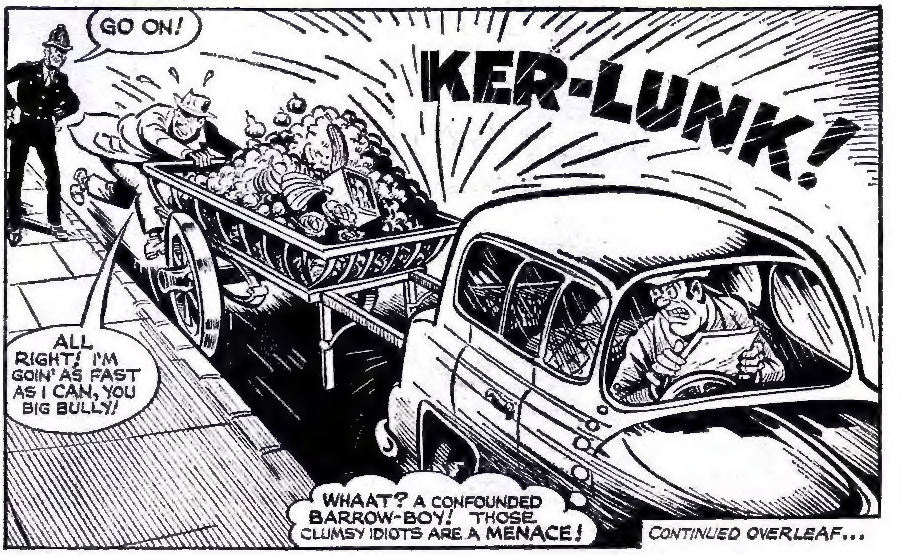
THE TIME WAS "RIPE" TO MAKE A "KILLING," BUT PEACE HAD A "PEAR-FECT" RIGHT TO FEEL "MELON-CAULI"!









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